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Thursday Morning

June 26, 1862?

Dear Mr. Garrison.

I am so sorry
I cannot go to Hampshire!
but unless something occurs to
release from an obligation
to be here, I shall be forced
to give it up. But, independently
of the pleasure, all I ought to
do for will be better done, if
you will kindly take it
into consideration. There they
are, in Great Britain, between
the fires of Isaac in full
play, & Louis Napoleon in
reserve, while Jonathan is
bullying them successfully

as the preparatory ^{inauguration of the S.C. Hall} step to the
lest they should see how
many slave-traders fitted
out from New York, owned
by Americans & of course
protected by the American
flag, are safely nested all
round the Gulf & the West
Indian seas; & they are
muddying the water,
"blue" & "green" both, so that
it shall be impossible to
identify a pirate as such.

"Let the footsides of the earth"
E.C.P. But we owe a duty to
the friends of freedom in
Great Britain who look
to see what we, the friends
of Freedom here, say about
it. Ought we not to charge
in behalf & on behalf of the world,

on sea or on land,
the "right of search" as
a natural right? — and
"Where is our brother," deliver him that is
Since this abolition of
the Foreign Slave Trade
by the U.S. & the treaty of
Ghent in 1814, ^{also} a legal
right? — Our slaveholders
set us a good example.
They exercised ^{under the constitution}, because it is
not specifically forbidden
the right of search for men
to enslave them, Although
the means were not legally
defined; all the while striv-
ing to procure a definition
of them. We ought to do
the same, ^{to free them} and both
Governments & our friends
abundantly note, that we

are doing the same.

It is, by & by, we get
in the way of appointing
English friends (the suitable
ones would be raised up on
demand, if we did demand,
to exhibit the state of
opinion here to their
Government, either as
directly from us, or as
Self-moved, - the times
would be their own interpreters
& counsellors, as we mentioned.
Why would it not be best
to have a series of ^{at Framingham} resolutions
which should direct the
thoughts of our friends here
to the state of the world.

on this ^{aspect} ~~question~~ of Slavery?
They are now exclusively bent
on the religious aspects at
home, & they are right. But
the time is it hard for giving
the world too, a thrust? Maybe
it has attenuated & flamed &
smouldered long enough to
crumble down, - & on Phoe-
nix of "a New Heavens & a
New Earth wherein shall dwell
righteousness. The world's iron is
hot. Let us strike in.

I beg you will be so
good as to direct the enclosed
letter (read it if you will)
to Wendell. I do not know
whether his address is, N. S.
S. or W. or whether there

are more Andovers than
ones, & so am obliged to
trouble you.

With kindest regards
to Mrs Garrison I am
yours always

W. Chapman